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1. During the first half of 1953, the Soviet-controlled Vienna forwarding agency Juschwneschtrans handled a total of 20,690,829 kg of various imports from Austria to Czechoslovakia.1 This gives a monthly average of 3,449,971 kg. The actual monthly quantities, however, greatly vary as is shown by the following table and Attachment 1, fig. 1:

Month:	Quantity shipped:	Per cent of total:
January	6,307,353 kg	30.5%
February	3,803,891 kg	18.4%
March	1,241,774 kg	6.0%
April	4,609,386 kg	22.3%
May	1,991,284 kg	9.6%
June	2,746,141 kg	13.2%

The volume of shipments to Czechoslovakia has remained almost the same as in the second half of 1952 when the monthly average of goods shipped amounted to 3,440,352 kg.2

2. As for their origin, the goods were broken down as follows (see: Attachment 1, fig. 2, a and b):

	USIA		Austria		Satellites		West		Unknown	
	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%
Jan	2,079,948	33.0	3,873,911	61.4	9,057	0.1	342,913	5.4	1,524	0.0
Feb	1,003,920	26.4	2,008,998	52.8			763,413	20.1	27,560	0.7
Mar	370,552	29.8	739,982	59.6			131,240	10.6		
Apr	1,009,589	21.9	3,565,992	77.4			33,149	0.7	656	0.0
May	465,328	23.7	958,531	48.1	411,670	20.7	39,826	2.0	115,929	5.8
June	1,067,383	38.9	1,231,340	44.8	359,760	13.1	64,523	2.4	23,135	0.8
Tot.	5,996,720	29.0	12,378,754	59.8	780,487	3.8	1,375,064	6.6	168,804	0.8

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After an irregular development in the first quarter of 1953, the tendencies of the second quarter show a steadily increasing percentage of deliveries from the West and USIA and a decreasing percentage of Austrian deliveries.

3. The shipments of the first half of 1953 were comprised of the following items (see: Attachment 2, fig. 3a):

Goods:	Quantity:	Per cent:
Metals	18,189,398 kg	87.9%
Finished metal goods	2,178,810 kg	10.5%
Chemicals	165,193 kg	0.8%
Other items	166,428 kg	0.8%

a. Metal shipments were broken down as follows as to:

(1) Types of metals (in kilograms) (see: Attachment 2, fig. 3b)

	Iron	Steel	Aluminum	Copper	Brass	Other
Jan	5,335,599	210,177	335,846	3,272	104	4,804
Feb	2,396,650	185,545	750,937	39,856	14,536	185
Mar	0	492,326	329,405	126,171	52,989	31,608
Apr	2,396,650	780,155	576,909	40,985	20,493	0
May	593,101	146,637	472,655	35,630	0	0
Jun	923,754	301,370	961,434	82,823	21,236	4,196
Tot.	12,167,114	2,116,210	3,427,186	328,737	109,358	40,793
	66.9%	11.7%	18.8%	1.8%	0.6%	0.2%

The monthly averages for each item, compared with the averages of the second half of 1952, are respectively:

	First half of 1953:	Second half of 1952:
Iron	2,027,852 kg	1,785,012 kg
Steel	352,702 kg	441,187 kg
Aluminum	571,198 kg	641,981 kg
Copper	54,789 kg	19,280 kg
Brass	18,226 kg	4,898 kg
Other	6,799 kg	14,456 kg

This shows from 1952 to 1953 an increase in iron, copper, and brass deliveries, and a decrease in deliveries of steel, aluminum and other metals.

(2) their origin (in kilograms and per cent):

	Austria		USIA		West		Satellites		Unknown	
	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%
Jan	3,701,026	62.8	1,845,863	31.3	342,913	5.9				
Feb	2,006,503	59.2	590,413	17.4	763,413	22.5			27,370	0.9
Mar	699,563	67.7	201,696	19.5	131,240	12.8				
Apr	3,465,674	79.9	837,729	19.3	33,149	0.8				
May	915,568	73.1	229,779	18.3	39,826	3.1			67,046	5.5
Jun	1,132,915	49.5	710,284	31.0	64,523	2.8	359,760	15.7	23,135	1.0
Tot.	11,921,249	65.5	4,415,764	24.3	1,375,064	7.6	359,760	2.0	117,561	0.6

(3) The following quantities of each kind of metal were shipped during the first half of 1953:

(a) Iron 12,167,114 kg
(A - Austria; U - USIA; S - Satellites)

A 8,869,877 kg - 72.9%
U 2,937,477 kg - 24.1%
S 359,760 kg - 3.0%

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aa. Pig Iron — 100,015 kg
S 100,015 kg

bb. Cast Iron — 1,502,745 kg
A 1,243,000 kg
S 259,745 kg

cc. Thick Iron Sheets — 4,568,585 kg
A 4,392,125 kg
U 176,460 kg

dd. Puddle Bars — 4,281,503 kg
A 2,657,190 kg
U 1,624,313 kg

ee. Sheet Iron — 1,346,887 kg
A 498,930 kg
U 847,957 kg

ff. Sheet Iron, Tin-coated — 50,230 kg
A 50,230 kg

gg. Band Iron — 175,392 kg
U 175,392 kg

hh. Band Iron, Lead-coated — 120,797 kg
A 7,442 kg
U 113,355 kg

ii. Other Kinds — 20,960 kg
A 20,960 kg

(b) Steel — 2,116,210 kg

A 1,086,354 kg - 51.3%
U 1,029,856 kg - 48.7%

aa. Rod Steel — 1,180,459 kg
A 677,743 kg
U 502,716 kg

bb. Band Steel — 304,744 kg
A 195,605 kg
U 109,139 kg

cc. Sheet Steel — 310,200 kg
A 36,735 kg
U 273,465 kg

dd. Various Other Kinds — 320,807 kg
A 176,271 kg
U 144,536 kg

(c) Aluminum — 3,427,186 kg
(W - West; ? - unknown)

A 2,055,412 kg - 60.0%
W 1,136,301 kg - 33.2%
U 168,427 kg - 4.9%
? 67,046 kg - 1.9%

Of the total quantity 52,774 kg were delivered as powder, the remainder as rods, sheets, wires, etc. A survey of these latter cannot be given because too large quantities were shipped unspecified.

(d) Copper — 328,737 kg

W 205,732 kg - 62.7%
U 95,625 kg - 29.0%
? 27,380 kg - 8.3%

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(e) Brass				109,358 kg
	W	24,385 kg	- 22.3%	
	U	84,973 kg	- 77.7%	
(f) Magnesium				4,450 kg
	W	4,450 kg		
(g) Bismuth				4,196 kg
	W	4,196 kg		
(h) Lead				3,608 kg
	A	3,608 kg		
(i) Bronze				62 kg
	U	62 kg		
(j) Other Metals				28,539 kg
	A	185 kg	- 0.6%	
	U	28,354 kg	- 99.4%	

b. Finished metal goods are listed here under the following six categories:

I - Construction material
II Cables and wires
III Electric apparatus and material
IV Machines, engines, and spare parts
V Special parts, tools, and gauges
VI Other items

The respective shipments of the first half of 1953 were broken down as to their quantities and origin (all in kilograms and per cent) (see: Attachment 2, fig. 3c):

	Total	USIA		Austria		Satellites		Unknown	
	kg	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%
I	854,962	368,667	43.1	74,625	8.7	411,670	48.2		
II	750,302	696,499	92.8	53,803	7.2				
III	255,631	244,532	95.6	11,099	4.4				
IV	173,842	117,884	67.8	55,458	32.2			500	0.2
V	70,924	48,497	68.4	20,567	29.0			1,860	2.6
VI	73,149	30,459	41.6	42,690	58.4				
Tot	2,178,810	1,496,538	68.7	268,242	12.3	411,670	18.9	2,360	0.1

	USIA		Austria		Satellites		Unknown	
	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%
Jan	356,664	93.7	22,389	5.9			1,524	0.4
Feb	384,067	99.3	2,495	0.7			180	0.0
Mar	155,177	96.9	4,912	3.1				
Apr	112,914	52.8	100,318	46.9			656	0.3
May	189,907	29.8	42,703	6.3	411,670	63.9		
Jun	297,809	75.5	95,425	24.3				

The following table compares the first half of 1953 with the second half of 1952 for each category of finished metal goods:

	First half of 1953:	Second half of 1952:
Finished metal goods Total	363,135 kg	300,161 kg
I	142,494 kg	68,960 kg
II	125,050 kg	2,693 kg
III	42,605 kg	4,164 kg
IV	30,640 kg	15,802 kg
V	11,821 kg	9,144 kg
VI	12,192 kg	18,291 kg

These figures show that a considerable increase in imports, except for Category VI, has taken place in the first half of 1953.

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c. A total of 165,193 kg of various chemicals was shipped from Austria to Czechoslovakia between January and June 1953. Of these, 3,000kg (1.8%) were of Austrian origin, 113,310 kg (68.6%) were delivered by USIA, and the origin of the remaining 48,883 kg (29.6%) was unknown. The monthly average of chemical shipments amounts to 27,532 kg against 55,774 kg during the second half of 1952. The following items were delivered:

Iron Trioxyde	(U)	15,340 kg
Sodium Nitrate	(A)	3,000 kg
Bitumen	(U)	17,390 kg
Raw Potassium Acid Tartrate	(?)	48,883 kg
Bone Pearl Glue	(U)	80,580 kg

d. The total quantity of other items shipped to Czechoslovakia in the first half of 1953 amounted to 166,428 kg, of which 152,805 kg (91.8%) originated from USIA, 9,057 kg (5.4%) from Satellite countries, and 4,566 kg (2.8%) from Austria. The monthly average was 27,738 kg (against 69,460 kg in the second half of 1952). Out of the total, 152,805 kg were comprised of rayon yarn produced by USIA. The remainder is of no significance.

e. Oil deliveries, which averaged 96,022 kg per month in the second half of 1952, were lacking during the first half of 1953.

4. Almost nothing was known about the actual consignees of the goods shipped to Czechoslovakia by Juschwneschtrans. In almost all cases consignees were one of the state-operated export-import corporations such as Metalimex, Chemapol, Investa, etc., or other state-wide corporations, so that the national enterprises for which the goods were earmarked are rarely known. The official destinations of the goods give in most cases no hint as to the actual receivers since the goods are forwarded either to one of the Czechoslovak border stations or to some large town for distribution to the actual receivers.

5. The goods were dispatched from the following Austrian stations:

a. Vienna:

IX,	Donaukaibahnhof	5,296,797 kg
II,	Praterkai	2,771,199 kg
IX,	Nordostbahnhof	1,507,176 kg
II,	Nordwestbahnhof	1,409,068 kg
XXI,	Floridsdorf	766,656 kg
XXII,	Stadlau	344,004 kg
XXV,	Simmeringer-Ort	206,022 kg
II,	Praterstern-Harbor	118,000 kg
XXI,	Jedlersdorf	67,379 kg
XIX,	Nussdorf	34,086 kg
X,	Matzleinsdorf	32,159 kg
XXV,	Liesing	15,340 kg
X,	Ostbahnhof	9,398 kg
XXV,	Atzgersdorf-Mauer	4,915 kg
XXI,	Jedlesee	155 kg
Mailed from Vienna		13 kg

Nussdorf is located in the US Sector, all other stations in the Soviet Sector.

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b. Lower Austria (Soviet Zone):

St. Pölten (049/W83)	4,060,872 kg
Krems an der Donau (049/R80)	1,396,291 kg
Waidhofen an der Ybbs (048/W26)	627,231 kg
Amstetten (049/W27)	222,500 kg
Berndorf (048/X26)	149,904 kg
Lanzendorf-Rannersdorf (P49/X58)	80,580 kg
Enzesfeld-Lindabrunn (048/X26)	60,589 kg
St. Aegyd am Neuwald (048/W84)	12,220 kg
Wieselburg an der Erlauf (049/W47)	8,200 kg

c. Upper Austria:

Linz (N49/W88),	929,348 kg
Neufelden (N49/Q60), Soviet Zone	3,843 kg

d. Styria (British Zone):

Kapfenberg (048/W60)	326,197 kg
Mürzzuschlag (048/W92)	65,619 kg
Graz	62,015 kg
Aflenz (048/W61)	53,803 kg

e. Tyrol (French Zone):

Jenbach (M48/E07)	20,000 kg

f. Unknown: 38,250 kg

Total 20,699,829 kg

It is noteworthy that out of the 20,699,829 kg of goods shipped to Czechoslovakia by Juschnmoschtrans during the first half of 1953 as many as 9,705,076 kg (46.9%) were produced in the US Zone of Austria or in the US Sector of Vienna, but only 963,434 kg (4.7%) were dispatched from that territory. In other words, 90.1% of the goods made in the US Zone, including all of the Austrian-made aluminum, were first brought into Soviet-controlled territory before being dispatched to Czechoslovakia. In this way, a possible Austrian or US control of East-bound shipments is avoided. In this connection it should also be noted that out of the 2,865,950 kg shipped to Czechoslovakia via Gmünd / České Velenice nothing was dispatched from Franz-Josef Station, Vienna IX, or Heiligenstadt, Vienna XIX, both located in the US Sector, although these are the natural and traditional stations for the dispatch of goods from Austria to Czechoslovakia via Gmünd.

6. The goods were shipped through the following border stations (see Attachment 2, Pgs. 4a and 4b):

	Summeran H. Dvořiště		Gmünd C. Velenice		Unterretzbach Šatov		Berghartsthal Břeclav		Marchegg Dev.N.Ves		Unknown	
	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%	kg	%
Jan	883,013	6.6	1,084,670	17.3	949,887	15.1	335,224	5.3	16,559	0.2	38,000	0.6
Feb	469,459	13.3	389,159	10.2	2,368,810	62.0	555,094	14.7	31,362	0.8	7	
Mar	174,962	1.1	51,333	0.3	661,316	53.3	282,739	22.8	71,424	5.7	0	
Apr	323,100	7.0	764,255	16.6	2,805,391	60.9	657,308	14.3	58,831	1.3	501	
May	54,283	2.7	135,567	6.8	1,317,665	66.2	403,214	20.3	80,549	4.0	6	
Jun	41,332	1.5	440,966	16.1	1,503,422	54.7	626,181	22.8	113,240	4.2	0	
Tot.	4946,149	23.9	2,865,950	13.8	9,556,491	46.4	2,859,760	13.8	392,965	1.9	38,514	0.2

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The most conspicuous fact resulting from these figures is that the volume of shipments via Šumperau / Horní Dvořiště have sharply dropped since February 1953. Generally speaking, until the end of January 1953 the bulk of shipments was routed to Bohemia, whereas afterwards the Moravian border stations were given preference. The respective figures, computed as follows, show this clearly:

		2nd half 1952	Jan 1953	Feb-Jun 1953
Bohemia	(H.Dvořiště)	67.9%	78.8%	19.8%
Moravia	(Šumperau, Břeclav)	28.3%	20.4%	77.6%
Slovakia	(Dev.N.Ves, Bratislava)	3.8%	0.2%	2.6%

The reason for this shift is unknown. It might be in connection with the tendency of the present regime in Czechoslovakia to shift the center of gravity of the heavy industry to Moravia and Slovakia.

7. A total of 4,516,728 kg of various goods was reported as having been transported by Juschwneschtreas from Czechoslovakia to Austria during the first half of 1953. These figures are believed to be incomplete, particularly for June 1953 and, therefore, no detailed analysis of the shipments is being given. The goods reported were broken down as follows (weights in kilograms):

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Finished metal goods	109,475	17,150	31,096	94,194	25,818		277,933
Chemicals	23,370	4,255		177,980	44,480		250,385
Technical materials	1,257,400	996,350	132,800	215,800	170,800		2,773,150
Hard fuels	22,800	63,000	597,000		337,200	175,600	1,196,500
Miscellaneous	14,142	729	2,640		1,641	108	18,760
Total	1,427,187	1,081,484	763,536	477,974	579,939	175,708	4,516,728

The individual categories were comprised of the following items:

a. Finished metal goods: 277,933 kg

Steel pipes	21,100 kg
Machines and machine parts	65,544 kg
Cars (26 pieces) and spare parts	44,829 kg
Engines	7,970 kg
Accumulator boxes	120,588 kg
Electric apparatus	964 kg
Steel chains	16,948 kg

b. Chemicals: 250,385 kg

Starch	21,370 kg
Dinitroorthocresol	6,555 kg
Methylalcohol	222,460 kg

c. Technical materials: 2,773,150 kg

Cement	1,435,000 kg
Molding sand	348,600 kg
Clay	732,550 kg
Fireclay	257,000 kg

d. Hard fuels: 1,196,500 kg

Lignite	1,116,500 kg
Hard coal	40,000 kg
Foreign coal	40,000 kg

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9. Miscellaneous 18,700 kg

Textile	4,700 kg
Rubberware	2,634 kg
Glassware	6,470 kg
Printed matter	244 kg
Other items	4,712 kg

Lignite came from the Sokolov (N51/F58) lignite pits, hard and forge coal from the Ostrava (P50/058) coal pits. The producers of the other goods are in most cases unknown. As for the corundrees, molding sand, clay and fireclay were delivered to the Bernhard Erndt firm at Klein-Pöchlarn (049/W58), and almost all of the remainder was subplied to USIA firms or to the Soviet Oil Administration in Austria. The goods passed through the following border stations:

České Velenice / Gmünd	1,927,929 kg
Břeclav / Bernhardsthal	1,680,627 kg
Šatov / Unterretzbach	739,845 kg
Devínska Nová Ves / Marchegg	88,700 kg
Horní Dvořiště / Surmerau	20,665 kg
Unknown	58,962 kg

8. A survey of goods going from Austria through Czechoslovakia in transit is not available because information on such items has been received but only sporadically.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The material on Czechoslovak imports from Austria handled by Juschwneschtrans is believed to be fairly complete.

2. [redacted] Comment. Average figures have been given for comparison with the second half of 1952 because reports then were not based on monthly periods. These average figures are based on the [redacted] covering the period from 17 July to 31 December 1952. The respective sums were divided by 5.5 to obtain average figures.

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Fig.1. Total quantity of goods shipped

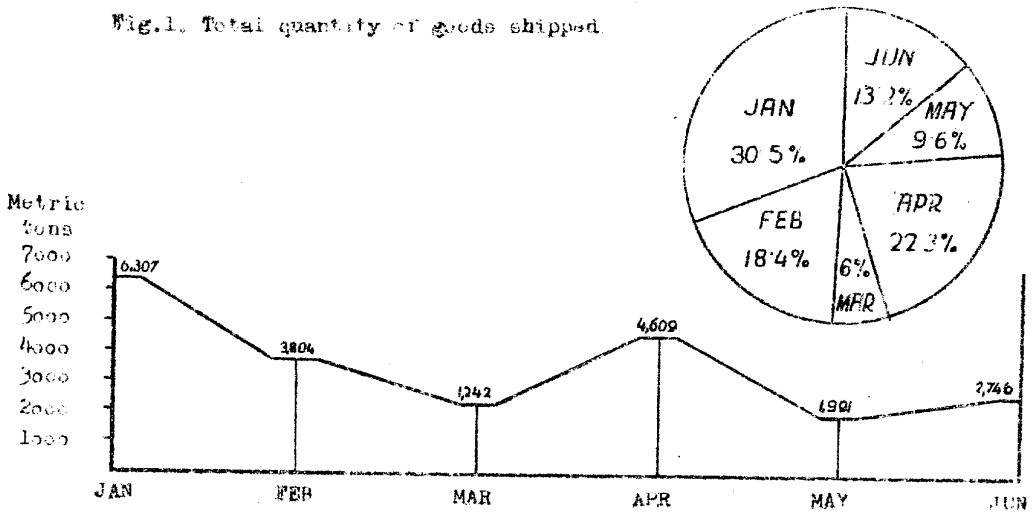

Fig.2. Origin of the goods.

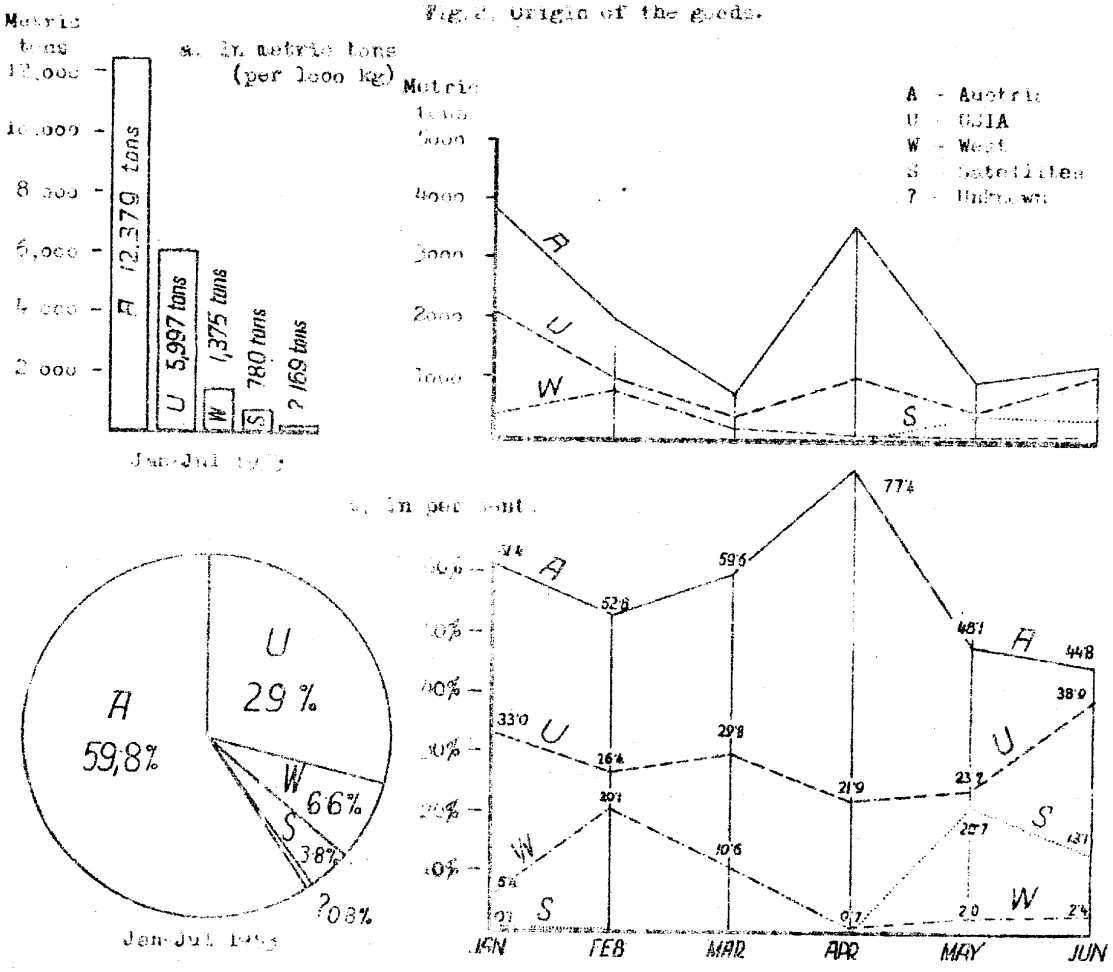

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Fig.3. Kinds of goods.

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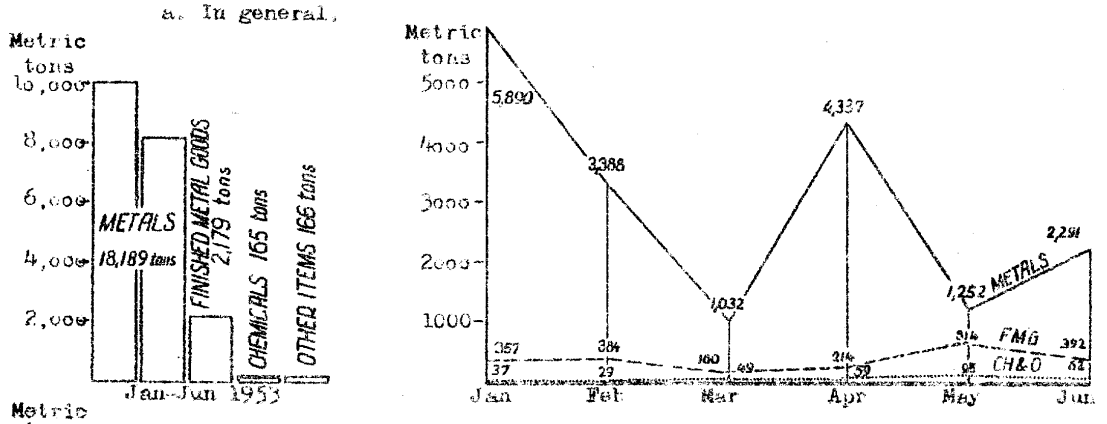

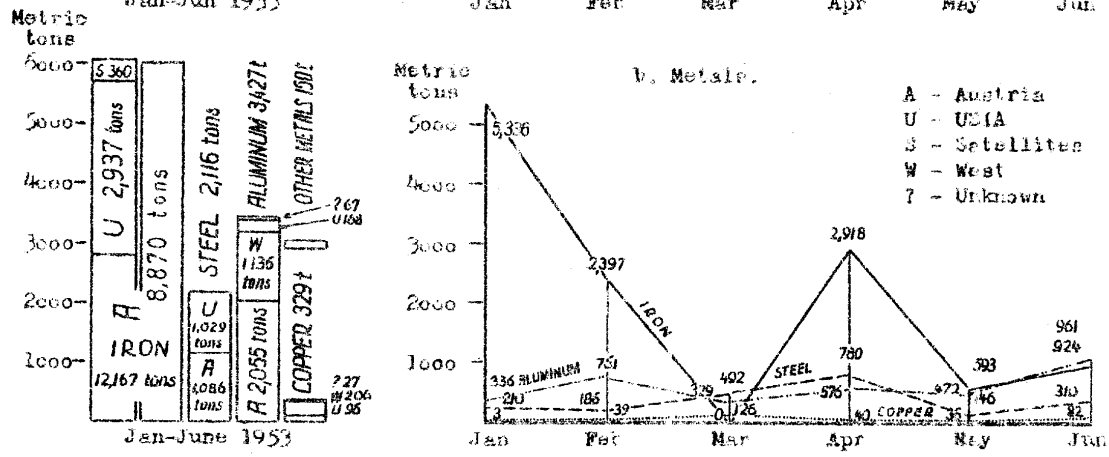

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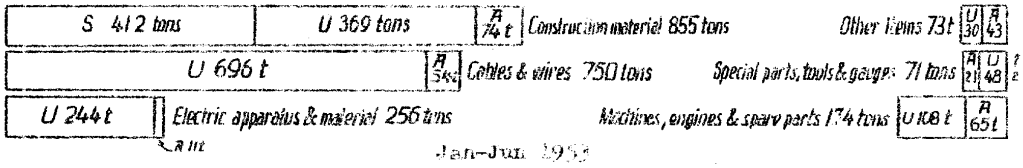
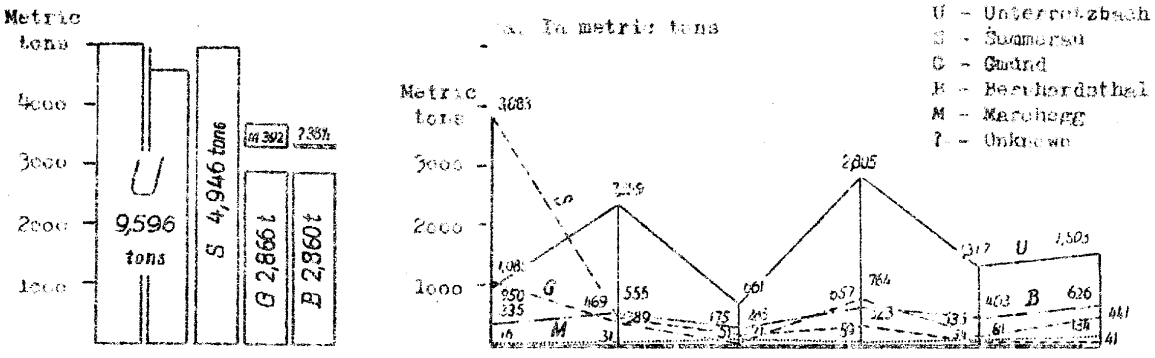
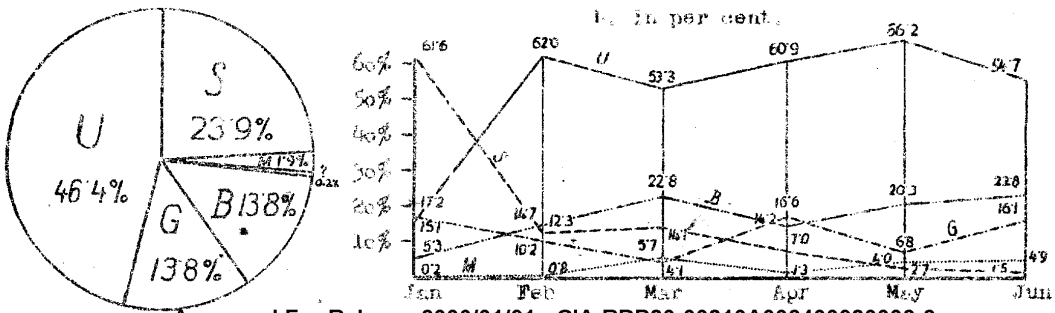


Fig.4. Shipments through individual border stations.





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